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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Title

APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR HANDLING AND  
CONTROLLING THE NURTURING OF PLANTS

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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  - Background of the invention
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  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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**Re: New United States Patent Application**  
**Inventor: HOUWELING, Abraham Paulus**  
**Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR HANDLING AND CONTROLLING**  
**THE NURTURING OF PLANTS**

The following papers are submitted herewith in support of the above application:

- (1) UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Form PTO/SB/05)
- (2) Specification (22 pages), including title, description, claims and abstract.
- (3) Informal Drawings (14 sheets).
- (4) Unsigned DECLARATION (Form PTO/SB/01).

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